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bundling body 31 and the base material sheet 6 being cured or a press mark remaining on the upper surface of the base material sheet 6; further, the production efficiency for the cleaning device is not markedly deteriorated.

According to the present invention, the bonding of the fiber bundle 7 and the base material sheet 6 can be effected reliably and efficiently. That is, in the case in which the fiber bundle 7 composed of fibers with fusibility and the base material sheet 6 formed of non-woven fabric are used, when the bonding of the fiber bundle 7 to the non-woven fabric is to be executed by heat sealing alone, the hot cutter applied to the fiber bundle 7 first melts the fibers by heating, and then the heat is conducted to the non-woven fabric to melt the non-woven fabric by heating. However, the non-woven fabric is a fiber entanglement body, and its surface exhibits surface irregularities, so that it is rather difficult for the heat to be conducted uniformly. In addition, the non-woven fabric has a void texture, so that its heat transfer efficiency is low. Thus, the fiber bundle 7, which is in uniform contact with the hot cutter, is quickly heated and melted, whereas it is rather difficult to integrally fuse

the fiber bundle 7 and the non-woven fabric even when the non-wove fabric is formed of fibers which are of the same material and have the same diameter as the fibers forming the fiber bundle 7.

As a result, in the conventional technique, in which the base